

Torrance, California.
March 10, 1936.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday evening, March 10, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN Klusman.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 1936, the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of February 28, 1936, and the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting of March 3, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Report from Southern California Gas Company with reference to franchise earnings for period ending December 31, 1935. Filed.

Communication from Pacific Electric Railway Company, inclosing lease on parks on Torrance Boulevard.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to communicate with the Pacific Electric and inform them that the lease should cover only the period to the end of the present fiscal year, at which time the matter will again be submitted to the new Council for further approval.

Communication from Division of Highways District VII, addressed to the City Engineer, inclosing memorandum covering expenditure of 1/4¢ gas tax.

(Councilman Klusman arrived at 7:55 P.M.)

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 861

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING 1/4¢ GAS TAX AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CITY OF TORRANCE AND DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR
1935-37 BIENNIIUM.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 861 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from Walker and Eisen, Architects, inclosing copies of contract with Simpson Scenic Studio covering asbestos curtain for Public Assembly Hall.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 862

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CONTRACT WITH SIMPSON SCENIC STUDIO FOR ASBESTOS CURTAIN ON PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 862 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from Walker and Eisen, Architects, regarding Lighting fixtures for Torrance civic buildings, and suggesting that the Council defer taking action until Mr. Eisen had an opportunity to confer with Miss Vogelson about the Library lighting. Mr. Eisen was present, and the permission was granted for him to wait a week to make his recommendations on the lighting fixture contracts.

Communication from Walker and Eisen, Architects, referring to ventilation bids for Public Assembly Hall. Mr. Eisen personally suggested that this matter also be deferred.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be held over until the next meeting. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from Walker and Eisen, Architects, regarding seats for Public Assembly Hall.

Councilman Stanger moved that all bids on seats be rejected and that new bids be called for. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 863

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR CHAIRS FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 863 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 864

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING WAGE SCALE IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 864 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 865

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 8, P.W.A. DOCKET 6081, UNIT B, AND REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SAME BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 865 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 866

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
OF CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 866 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 867

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
TO CONTRACTORS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CABRILLO AVENUE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 867 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 868

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 14, 1936

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 868 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 869

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
TO CONTRACTORS IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION
OF CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 869 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 870

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING PROJECT STATEMENT #2 DATED
FEBRUARY 21, 1936, FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CABRILLO
AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION AND DELIVERY

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 870 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Walker and Eisen, Architects, regarding steel cells and jail equipment, including jambs and frames for doors.

Councilman Klusman moved that the Architect's action in this matter be approved. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett asked permission to purchase 35 feet of sewer pipe, at \$1.65 per foot, for the Park sewer project.

Councilman Klusman moved that this appropriation be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

At 8:40 P.M. the regular order of business was set aside, and Mayor Ludlow asked Mr. Andreani to talk about the Bixby Slough project.

Mr. Andreani gave the highlights of his study and answered several questions put by the Councilmen. He expressed a desire to secure valuable information in San Francisco. He also requested the City to sponsor the securing of 50 signatures on a petition to be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of calling an election to determine whether or not a harbor district should be formed for the development of the Bixby Slough area.

At 9:15 P.M. Mr. Spurlin, of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Board of Directors of that body did not see any advantage in the Bixby Slough project being promoted by Mr. Andreani.

Mr. Andreani spoke of a motion picture prepared by the United States Government, showing advantages of water transportation.

Mayor Ludlow expressed the opinion that it would be desirable to have this picture shown in Torrance, and he requested that the Chamber of Commerce further investigate the matter before definitely turning the project down.

At 9:30 P.M. the regular order of business was resumed.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that the planting of the trees on the State Highway had been completed.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$60.00 be appropriated for a grinder for the machine shop. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$340.00 be appropriated for the purchase of a hoist, which should be paid for from Street Department funds, with the understanding that the Water Department should pay rental for its use. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

The gentleman from the Payne Furnace & Supply Company further explained his heating equipment. He was asked to confer with Mr. Eisen.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three, including the City Engineer, to draft a program for a public celebration in connection with the opening of the new water system, their recommendations to be later submitted to the Council for approval. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow stated that the appointments would be announced at the next meeting.

Mayor Ludlow mentioned a yellow overhead fog light which he had seen at Fullerton, and requested that it be investigated in connection with the study of fog lights for Torrance.

In response to the request of Councilman Tolson, it was decided that the action taken last year, prohibiting the use of the municipal bus outside of a radius of twenty miles from Torrance, should remain in force this year.

After a brief discussion of the Walteria Recreation Center, Clerk Bartlett was requested to obtain as definite figures as possible on the purchase of this property.

Engineer Leonard reported that plowing had begun this date on the W.P.A. garden project, and that Mr. Chambers had promised that all available Torrance people would be employed.

Clerk Bartlett reported that he had contacted the Board of Fire Underwriters, who had been unable to promise when an interview might be obtained, but had stated that it could not be in less than three weeks.

The Clerk was instructed to get, in writing, a definite date for this interview.

At 10:08 P.M. the Mayor declared a recess, in order that the Board of Library Trustees might convene to take action on the budget.

At 10:11 P.M. the City Council reconvened.

Mayor Ludlow asked Clerk Bartlett if he had had any success in securing information regarding rules and regulations governing public assembly halls. Clerk Bartlett stated that he had contacted several cities, but he believed a personal tour of inspection would be more satisfactory than communication by telephone or letter.

Mayor Ludlow reported on the Metropolitan Sewer meeting, stating that the work is more than half done.

Mayor Ludlow reminded the Council of the meeting of the League of California Municipalities on March 19th.

Clerk Bartlett showed the Council a sample chair which had been sent by Miss Vogelsson to be considered for use in the Library lecture room. Engineer Leonard was asked to call the attention of Mr. Eisen to this chair.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Miss Fraizer called attention to the dinner to be given March 16, 1936 by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mr. Mereson stated that the next symphony concert will be held on March 31, 1936 and asked the Councilmen to attend.

Councilman Stanger moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

At 10:22 P.M. Councilman Klusman moved that the meeting adjourn to Tuesday, March 17, 1936, at 4:45 P.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

A. H. Ludlow
Mayor of the City of Torrance.